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1. The name of the Bulgarian "Cheka" has been chosen primarily to impress the local population with memories of the early days of Bolshevik terror when the present Soviet MVD was known as the Cheka.
2. The present Bulgarian Cheka is a group of young men, already serving in the Bulgarian Army but really working for the internal security of the Communist Party. After finishing ordinary Army training, these men are given special training in a military school. They cooperate closely with the Militia and have a close connection with the guard of strategic public buildings, political prisons, banks, and the Ministries. It is not clear whether they merely supervise the guard or whether they themselves serve as guards and sentries.
3. From the Chekists, the Communist Party chooses the officers of Durzhavna Sigurnost (State Security).

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